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Hi Everyone –

I hope everyone is preparing for a wonderful and restful holiday!

I just wanted to apologize for missing the last meeting – I didn't have the opportunity to let everyone know what an absolute pleasure serving as Chair for the last 2 years has been. Not only did I learn a ton, getting to know each of you better was the best part. Each of you is doing such incredibly inspiring work serving your neighborhoods. I appreciate greatly all the kind words and emails ☺

I am very excited to pass the torch to Andrew Thomas, who will officially begin as Chair Jan 1, and will handle things like sending calendar notifications (you may have seen mine deleted from your calendar – that is to ensure there is no confusion moving forward).

But before that officially kicks in, I have a couple of updates for everyone:

- **Passing of Frank Wada** – it's with great sadness that I inform everyone here that Frank Wada from the Highland Park / Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council, and frequent attendee of the BID Consortium passed away. His positive energy and contributions will be missed - here is the Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/hhpnc/photos/a.726554204068828.1073741828.726554110735504/959268684130711/?type=3&theater>. We are sending much love to his family during the holiday season.
- **Admin Position** – thank you to the 18 BIDs who have already sent in their checks to cover the cost of hiring a part time admin to help Andrew next year. Huge thanks to Kerry for handling the invoicing, and Fashion District for coordinating logistics. Just a note – **reminder to make your check out to the LA Fashion District (not BID Consortium)**. If you haven't paid already, please make sure to get in your check asap to ensure we can start as planned on Jan 1, 2016.
- **Homelessness** – As we all know, there is a lot going on discussion wise at the City regarding homelessness. Many of us have been working with CCA, who took the lead on crafting a very thorough White Paper. Please find it here – I encourage you to share with your Boards and see how it may be relevant to you - http://ccala.org/Att_Files/11-20-15%20Homelessness%20White%20Paper.pdf
- **PATH Partnerships** – I know many BIDs are partnering with PATH to combat homelessness. Here is one article in the DT News regarding DCBID's efforts - http://www.ladowntownnews.com/news/downtown-bid-and-homeless-nonprofit-join-forces/article_490054e6-84dd-11e5-9c98-b7211e88ae2d.html
- **Reminder – No Meeting in December**, we resume January 14th.

Finally, I hope everyone has had a chance to turn in your annual planning reports! If not, please help us make Miranda and her team's life a little easier ☺

Happy Holidays!

Best,

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